

## House Resolution No. 164

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Geneva May Richardson Smith of Gladstone, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on January 9, 2008; and

**Whereas**, on January 9, 1908, in Kansas City, Kansas, God brought the third of nine special gifts to Lee Howard and Lillie Mae Richardson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Geneva, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Geneva Smith will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of eight siblings, Robert Lee, John Barton, Latassa, David, Florence, Joe, Cleo, and Glenn; attending Longfellow Elementary School; being married on October 11, 1924, to Chester Melvin Smith (deceased), with whom she celebrated fifty years of marriage in 1974; and giving birth to their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Geneva Smith has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include four children and their spouses, Geneva Mae and Robert Overfelt, Chester Melvin and Charlene Smith, Georgia Beau and Ron Foster, and Frank Cooper and Betty Smith; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Geneva Smith enjoyed traveling extensively and supporting several organizations, which include the Masonic Lodge and the American War Dads, of which she served as the National Pianist for twelve years; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 100, Geneva Smith is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Geneva Smith at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Geneva Mae Richardson Smith, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bryan Pratt  
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 164, adopted January 22, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker